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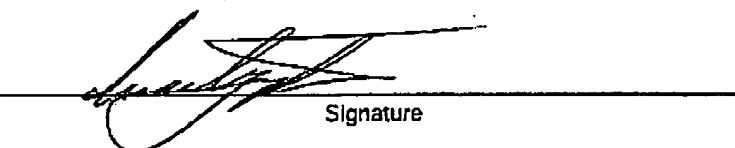
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1. Transmittal Sheet;
2. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (PTO SB 30);
3. Payment of fees (\$770) by Form PTO 2038; and
4. Submission under 37 CR 1.114 (Amendment).

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In re Application of

Takayuki SUGAIARA

Serial No. 09/469,499

filed: 22 December 1999

: Group Art Unit: 2613

: Prior Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG

For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above identified application.

- No additional fee is required.  
 Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 Also attached: 1) Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8; 2) Form 2038; 3) Submission (Amendment).

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	25	25	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	x \$ 86 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					
Fee for RCE (37 CFR 1.17e)					\$770.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$770.00

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